



Fair Political Practices Commission

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### FPPC Enforcement Decisions: September 2, 2004

The following are enforcement decisions approved by the Fair Political Practices Commission at its regular monthly meeting held in Sacramento on Sept. 2, 2004. Decisions are divided by category and include brief summaries of each case and the amount of the fines.

Additional information on each of the enforcement cases below can be found in the September agenda on the FPPC website at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov). FPPC agendas are distributed and posted on the agency website 10 days prior to each monthly meeting.

The web version of the agenda includes links to the stipulations agreed to by the commission, and by the individuals and organizations subject to the fines, or the default decisions ordered by the commission. Exhibits in support of the stipulations and default decisions are also available on the website. If you are unable to access the FPPC website, or need further assistance, please call the FPPC press office at 916-322-7761.

#### Campaign Reporting Violations

**In the Matter of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Committee on Political Education, Sponsored by International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and Edwin D. Hill, FPPC No. 02/165.** Staff: Commission Counsel Elizabeth K. Conti and Accounting Specialist Luz Bonetti. Respondent International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Committee on Political Education, sponsored by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, is a state general purpose committee. Respondent Edwin D. Hill served as the treasurer of the committee. Respondents failed to file: a semi-annual campaign statement, in violation of Government Code section 84200(a) (one count); pre-election campaign statements, in violation of Government Code section 84200.7 (three counts); pre-election campaign statements, in violation of Government Code section 84200.8 (one count); and failed to disclose 26 late contributions in properly filed late contribution reports, in violation of Government Code section 84203(a) (26 counts). \$18,475 fine.

**In the Matter of International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades Political Action Together Legislative and Educational Committee—Contribution Account and James Williams, FPPC No. 04/115.** Staff: Commission Counsel Julia Bilaver and

Investigator II Charlie Bilyeu. Respondent International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades Political Action Together, Legislative and Educational Committee—Contribution Account, is a state general purpose recipient committee based in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades, a labor union. Respondent James Williams serves as treasurer of the committee. Respondents failed to disclose 11 late contributions in properly filed late contribution reports, in violation of Government Code section 84203(a) (11 counts). \$7,000 fine.

**In the Matter of Yellowstone Development, LLC, FPPC No. 04/322.** Staff: Commission Counsel Elizabeth K. Conti and Investigator III Jon Wroten. Respondent Yellowstone Development, LLC, is a land development and real estate sales corporation in Big Sky, Mont. Respondent failed: to timely disclose a late contribution in a properly filed late contribution report, in violation of Government Code section 84203(a) (1 count); to disclose a late contribution in a properly filed electronic late contribution report, in violation of Government Code section 84605(a); to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement, in violation of Government Code section 84200(b) (1 count); and failed to file an electronic semi-annual campaign statement, in violation of Government Code section 84605(a) (1 count). \$16,000 fine.

**In the Matter of Tom Gilmore & Associates, LLC, FPPC No. 02/1049.** Staff: Commission Counsel Elizabeth K. Conti and Investigator III Jon Wroten. Respondent Tom Gilmore & Associates, LLC, is a California limited-liability real estate development corporation headquartered in Los Angeles. Respondent failed to disclose two late contributions in properly filed late contribution reports, in violation of Government Code section 84203(a) (2 counts); and failed to file a semi-annual campaign statement, in violation of Government Code section 84200(b) (1 count). \$7,000 fine.

**In the Matter of No on Prop A and Rodney Scott, FPPC No. 01/562.** Staff: Commission Counsel Julia Bilaver and Investigator II Charlie Bilyeu. Respondent No on Prop A was a local ballot measure committee primarily formed to oppose Proposition A in the March 2001 election held in the City of West Hollywood. Respondent Rodney Scott served as the treasurer of the committee. Respondents failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement, in violation of Government Code section 84200(a) (1 count). \$1,000 fine.

#### **Statement of Economic Interests -- Default Decision and Order**

**In the Matter of Ronald Bullard, FPPC No. 02/597.** Staff: Commission Counsel Jeffery A. Sly and SEI Coordinator Mary Ann Kvasager. Respondent Ronald Bullard, a member of the Dental Examiners Board for the California Department of Consumer Affairs, failed to timely file 2001 and 2002 annual statements of economic interests, in violation of Government Code section 87300 (2 counts). \$4,000 fine.

**In the Matter of Jim Rosecrans, FPPC No. 02/803.** Staff: Commission Counsel Jeffery A. Sly and SEI Coordinator Mary Ann Kvasager. Respondent Jim Rosecrans, a member of the Butte Valley Resource Conservation District in Siskiyou County, failed to timely file 2001 and 2002 annual statements of economic interests, in violation of Government Code section 87300 (2 counts). \$3,000 fine.

**In the Matter of Naresh Kamboj, FPPC No. 02/547.** Staff: Commission Counsel Jeffery A. Sly and SEI Coordinator Mary Ann Kvasager. Respondent Naresh Kamboj, a member of the California Commission on Aging, failed to timely file a 2001 annual and leaving-office statement of economic interests, in violation of Government Code section 87300 (2 counts). \$3,500 fine.

**In the Matter of Kurt Scholberg , FPPC No. 02/739.** Staff: Commission Counsel Jeffery A. Sly and SEI Coordinator Mary Ann Kvasager. Respondent Kurt Scholberg, a member of the Sierra County Planning Commission, failed to timely file a 2001 annual statement of economic interests, in violation of Government Code section 87203 (1 count). \$1,500 fine.

**In the Matter of Rafael Torres, FPPC No. 02/455.** Staff: Commission Counsel Jeffery A. Sly and SEI Coordinator Mary Ann Kvasager. Respondent Rafael Torres, a member of the City of Guadalupe Planning Commission, failed to timely file an assuming office, 2001 annual, and 2002 annual statement of economic interests, in violation of Government Code sections 87202 and 87203 (3 counts). \$5,000 fine.

### **Statement of Economic Interests – Streamlined Program**

**Failure to Timely File Statements of Economic Interests.** Staff: Commission Counsel Jeffery A. Sly, Investigator III Dan Schek, and SEI Coordinator Mary Ann Kvasager. The following persons have entered into stipulations for failing to timely file statements of economic interests, in violation of Government Code sections 87202, 87203, 87204 or 87300.

**In the Matter of Karl Thurmond, FPPC No. 03/861.** Karl Thurmond, a member of the Pest control Board for the state Department of Consumer Affairs, failed to timely file a 2002 annual statement of economic interests, in violation of Government Code section 87300 (1 count). \$100 fine.

**In the Matter of Jonathan Zasloff, FPPC No. 03/688.** Jonathon Zasloff, a member of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, failed to timely file a 2002 annual statement of economic interests, in violation of Government Code section 87300 (1 count). \$100 fine.

**In the Matter of Raffi Kradjian, FPPC No. 03/076.** Raffi Kradjian, a member of the California State Assistance Fund for Enterprise, Business and Industrial Development, failed to timely file an assuming office statement of economic interests, in violation of Government Code section 87300 (1 count). \$100 fine.

**In the Matter of Miguel Garcia, FPPC No. 03/441.** Miguel Garcia, a member of the Planning Commission for the City of Montebello, failed to timely file a 2002 annual statement of economic interests, in violation of Government Code section 87203 (1 count). \$100 fine.

**In the Matter of Thomas Waterson, FPPC No. 03/715.** Thomas Waterson, a member of the Mountain View Fire Protection District in Stanislaus County, failed to timely file a 2002 annual statement of economic interests, in violation of Government Code section 87300 (1 count). \$100 fine.

**In the Matter of Sandy Simon-Wargo, FPPC No. 03/356.** Sandy Simon-Wargo, a member of the Parks and Community Services Commission for the City of American Canyon, failed to timely file an assuming office statement of economic interests, in violation of Government Code section 87300 (1 count). \$100 fine.

**In the Matter of Cedrice Miller, FPPC No. 03/727.** Cedrice Miller, a claims examiner for Keenan & Associates, consultants for multi-jurisdictional insurance agencies, failed to timely file a 2002 annual statement of economic interests, in violation of Government Code section 87300 (1 count). \$100 fine.

**In the Matter of Athena Aaron, FPPC No. 03/728.** Athena Aaron, an insurance broker for Keenan & Associates, consultants for multi-jurisdictional insurance agencies, failed to timely file a 2002 annual statement of economic interests, in violation of Government Code section 87300 (1 count). \$100 fine.

**In the Matter of James Porras, FPPC No. 03/720.** James Porras, a member of the Riverside County Planning Commission, failed to timely file a 2002 annual statement of economic interests, in violation of Government Code section 87203 (1 count). \$100 fine.

**In the Matter of Anthony Daysog, FPPC No. 03/738.** Anthony Daysog, a member of the Alameda City Council, failed to timely file a 2002 annual statement of economic interests, in violation of Government Code section 87203 (1 count). \$100 fine.

**In the Matter of Bill Warmerdam, FPPC No. 03/529.** Bill Warmerdam, a member of the California Apple Commission, failed to timely file a 2002 annual statement of economic interests, in violation of Government Code section 87300 (1 count). \$100 fine.

### **Late Contribution – Streamlined Program**

**Failure to Timely File Late Contribution Reports – Proactive Program.** Staff: Acting Chief Investigator Sue Straine, Investigator III Jon Wroten, and Political Reform Consultant Mary Ann Kvasager. The following persons and entities have entered into stipulations for failure to file late contribution reports in 2003, in violation of Government Code Section 84203:

**In the Matter of Suzanne Saperstein, FPPC No. 2004-154.** Suzanne Saperstein of Houston, Tex., failed to timely disclose a late contribution totaling \$10,000.00. (1 count). \$1,500 fine.

### **Informational Item -- Civil Settlement**

**Fair Political Practices Commission v. Committee for Clean Safe Creeks, Susan A. Pino, and Rick L. Callender; FPPC No. 2000/793.** Staff: Senior Commission Counsel Deanne Canar and Investigator III Dan Schek. Defendant Committee for Clean Safe Creeks was a primarily formed committee supporting Measure B on the Santa Clara County ballot in the Nov. 7, 2000, general election. Defendants Susan A. Pino and Rick L. Callender were co-treasurers of the committee. The defendants failed to: timely file a pre-election campaign statement, disclosing \$170,995 in contributions and \$65,668 in

expenditures, in violation of Government Code section 84200.5, subdivision (b); timely disclose \$20,000 in late contributions in properly filed late contribution reports, in violation of Government Code section 84203(a); report sub-vendor information for a payment of \$49,795 on a pre-election campaign statement filed after the election, in violation of Government Code sections 84211(j)(6) and 84303; and failed to file an amended statement or organization within 10 days of a change in the primary activity of the committee, in violation of Government Code section 84103(a). The parties stipulated to a final judgment in the case by the Santa Clara County Superior Court. As provided in the stipulated judgment, the defendants will pay a civil penalty of \$24,000.

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